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Shin Hayata merged with the alien being known as Ultra to become Ultraman! Using the Beta Capsule, Shin can utilize Ultraman's superhuman strength, flight and energy rays-but only for three-minute increments. Working alongside the United Science Patrol, Ultraman protects the Earth from Kaiju, monstrous interdimensional invaders.

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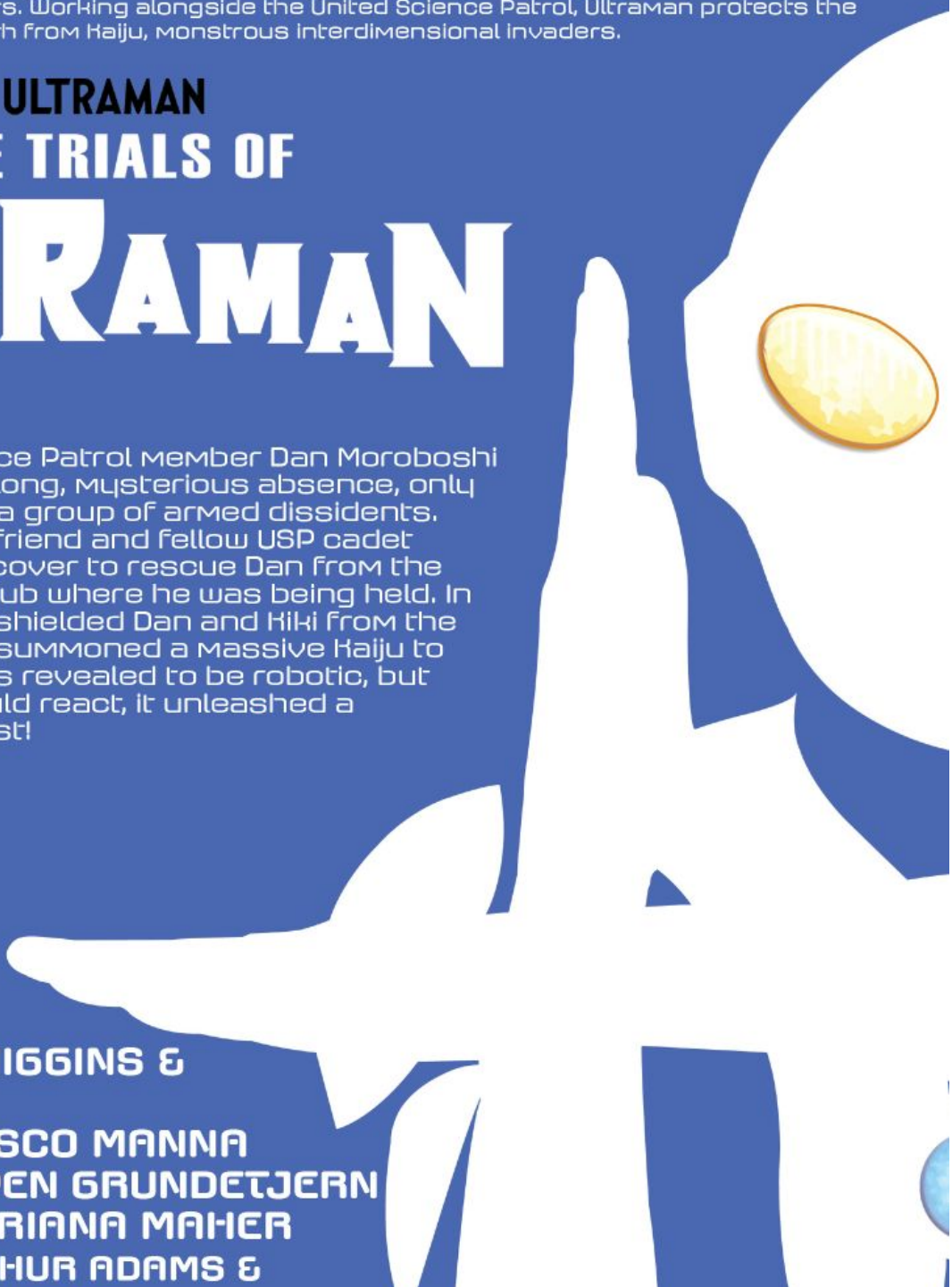

Former United Science Patrol member Dan Moroboshi reappeared after a long, mysterious absence, only to be kidnapped by a group of armed dissidents. Shin, along with his friend and fellow USP cadet Kiki Fuji, went undercover to rescue Dan from the New Zealand nightclub where he was being held. In Ultraman form, Shin shielded Dan and Kiki from the criminals, who then summoned a massive Kaiju to attack. The Kaiju was revealed to be robotic, but before Ultraman could react, it unleashed a massive energy blast!

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KI-RAWWR
...WELL, THAT SUCKED... I AM IMPRESSED WHOEVER BUILT THIS "KAIJU" BOTHERED TO REPLICATE THE SOUNDS, THOUGH.
WE MUST ACT QUICKLY, SHIN HAYATA.
OKAY, I GOT EVERYONE OUT OF THE BASEMENT, INCLUDING DAN. BUT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE IN THE NIGHTCLUB...
EVACUATE THEM, CADET FUJI! THE BUILDING IS UNSTABLE! ANOTHER BLAST LIKE THAT--
I CAN'T-- THERE'RE TOO MANY!
SHIN, OUR ENERGY IS ABOUT TO DEPLETE. MERE MOMENTS REMAIN--
WE'RE OUT OF TIME!

ZZZZZZZZZ
THE MACHINE CORE...
THE ENERGY INSIDE IS UNSTABLE! IF IT EXPLODES, THE LOSS OF LIFE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT--BUT OUR REMAINING *TIME*...
NO. WE CAN DO THIS. WE *HAVE* TO. COUNT US DOWN.
FIVE.

FOUR.
THREE.
TWO.
ONE!

WWHOOOO
...I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO RETURN THIS SUIT.

HEY! HEY! I KNOW YOU GUYS AREN'T SMART ENOUGH TO BUILD SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
IT WAS A GIFT...
POLICE
A GIFT FROM WHO?
HEY NOW, CALM DOWN THERE, MISS. WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, YEAH?
OH, NOW YOU'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE-- WHEN YOU REFUSED TO GET INVOLVED BEFORE?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE AN AWFULLY RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD THESE GUYS...
THAT'S ENOUGH.
I'M SORRY, CADET. BUT THE USP CAN'T AFFORD TO ANTAGONIZE THE AUTHORITIES OF ANY NATION RIGHT NOW. THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE IS TOO FRAGILE.
BESIDES...
...WE NEED TO ATTEND TO OUR OWN.

The Tokyo headquarters of the United Science Patrol.
USP
"HOW IS DAN?"
MEDICALLY? PERFECT. WHICH WOULD BE MIRACULOUS EVEN IF HE HADN'T BEEN IN A HORRIFIC VTOL CRASH. HE'S BARELY AGED A DAY SINCE 1966. HE SAYS HE REMEMBERS SEEING THE ALIEN SHIP FOR A MOMENT, BEFORE IT HIT HIS VTOL...AND THEN WAKING UP IN NEW ZEALAND.
GIVEN THE TIMELINE, WE HAVE TO ASSUME HE WAS IN THE KAIJU VAULT AND HIS MEMORIES OF THE EXPERIENCE WERE WIPED...SOMEHOW.
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE HIM BACK, OF COURSE, BUT...THIS IS A BUST FROM AN INTEL PERSPECTIVE.
THIS DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. THIS MAN INTERACTED WITH MY BROTHER--I KNOW IT. WE MUST PRESS THE MATTER.
CAN I SPEAK WITH HIM?
BE MY GUEST, CADET.

HI. DAN MOROBOSHI.
OH. SHIN HAYATA. IT'S AN HONOR. AND YEAH, I KNOW. YOU'RE KIND OF A LEGEND AROUND HERE. BUT EVEN IF THAT WEREN'T THE CASE...WE KIND OF ALREADY MET? I'M ULTRAMAN.
AH! WELL, YOU HAVE MY THANKS FOR SAVING ME. THOUGH I AM CURIOUS HOW THIS "ULTRAMAN"... WORKS.
WELL, I'VE MERGED WITH AN ALIEN. OF THE SAME SPECIES THAT ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK YOUR SHIP, ACTUALLY. AND THAT PROCESS GAVE ME...POWERS?
FASCINATING.
COULD I...SPEAK TO IT?
IT DOESN'T REALLY WORK THAT WAY. I MEAN, IF YOU TALK, HE'LL HEAR, AND I COULD, LIKE...PASS ON MESSAGES?
AH. NEVER MIND, THEN.

YOU KNOW, I'M STARTING TO GET THE SENSE THAT YOU DON'T TRUST US...
I DO NOT *KNOW* YOU.
BUT WE'RE THE USP--
I HAVEN'T BEEN PART OF THE USP IN 54 YEARS, APPARENTLY! AND I HAVE *NO* WAY OF KNOWING WHAT IT HAS BECOME IN THAT TIME.
SO SUGGESTING THAT YOU'RE *TRUSTWORTHY* SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU WEAR THE SAME BADGE AS MY *DEAD FRIENDS*...
IT'S EITHER KNOWINGLY MANIPULATIVE OR EMBARRASSINGLY IGNORANT.
BUT I CAN SEE YOU'RE AS KEEN AS YOUR FRIEND TO PUMP ME FOR INFORMATION. SO GO AHEAD. ASK YOUR QUESTIONS.
I CAN SENSE HOW UNCOMFORTABLE YOU ARE, SHIN HAYATA.
IT IS CLEAR THIS HUMAN HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA. BUT WE *MUST* ACQUIRE THE INFORMATION WE NEED.
NO. I'M NOT THAT GUY. NONE OF US IS. BUT I DON'T REALLY HAVE IT IN ME TO CONVINCE YOU OF THAT RIGHT NOW.

YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A HOME AND FOOD AND WHATEVER YOU NEED HERE AT THE USP. NO STRINGS ATTACHED. BECAUSE WE HELP PEOPLE, HOWEVER WE CAN. *THAT'S* WHAT WE'VE BECOME.
... THAT'S APPRECIATED. I--
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
CADET! SPECIALIST IDE HAS AN UPDATE ON THE MACHINE KAIJU!
LOOK, I'VE GOT TO GO. BUT IF YOU DO NEED ANYTHING, I *AM* HERE TO HELP...
WAIT.
YES?
I KNOW I MUST SEEM... UNREASONABLE TO YOU. BUT I HAVE REASON TO BE WARY. YOU DO TOO. BE CAREFUL.
OKAY. SURE. YEAH.
WELL, THAT'S OMINOUS...

SPECIALIST IDE! WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR US?
A GENUINE APPRECIATION FOR TECHNICAL ARTISTRY? SOME FEELINGS OF PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SHAME, FOR NEVER HAVING CONSIDERED BUILDING ROBOT KAIJU TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE SQUISHY NATURAL KAIJU?
IDE. FOCUS.
WHO BUILT IT?
WELLLLLLLL... WE DID.
EXCUSE ME?
KIND OF. SORT OF. IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.
IDE, PLEASE. IT'S BEEN A WEIRD DAY. CAN YOU JUST--
SORRY. SORRY. IT'S JUST EXCITING! AND FUN. BUT YES.

WHILE I DO NOT BELIEVE ANYBODY WORKING HERE *NOW* BUILT THESE, I CAN SEE--LINKS? IN THE CHAIN? THIS WAS BUILT ON IDEAS THAT WERE BORN HERE. NEW APPLICATIONS OF USP INNOVATIONS.
RIGHT. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO *USED* TO WORK HERE.
OH NO, NO NO NO! NOT JUST *ANYONE.* THESE ARE RADICAL, *INSPIRED* DEPARTURES. IT IS NO SMALL THING TO TAKE THE UNDERPINNINGS OF FAST JETS AND POWERFUL WEAPONS AND TURN THEM INTO AN UTTERLY CONVINCING SIMULACRUM OF A RAMPAGING KAIJU!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A *GENIUS* WHO USED TO WORK HERE.
YAMAMOTO...?
NO, HIS SPECIALTY WAS ENERGY MANIPULATION. I DON'T THINK HE WAS PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH ROBOTICS. THE ONLY PLAUSIBLE CANDIDATE I CAN THINK OF IS... *KATSUICHIRO KATO.*
THE TECH BILLIONAIRE...?!
WOAHHHH. HE USED TO WORK HERE?
THAT'S CORRECT. IT WAS... *TENSE* WHEN HE LEFT.
WELL, SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A SUSPECT! LET'S GO TALK TO HIM!
K-ALERT.
K-ALERT.
K-ALERT.
...RIIIIIIIGHT AFTER WE DEAL WITH THAT.

REC
IT'S ON, YEAH? YOU GOT IT ON?
YEAH, YEAH, IT'S ON! DON'T TOUCH IT!
HD 4K
MENU
REC
YOU LOOK RIDICULOUS WITH THAT HEADSET.
DON'T LISTEN TO HER. THIS IS GOING TO BE GREAT. C'MON, I THINK THE FIGHT'S HEADED THIS WAY.
HD 4K
MENU
REC
OHMYGOD!
THWOOOOM
HD 4K
MENU
REC
THEY CAN'T BE FAR AWAY, BUT I CAN'T SEE--
HD 4K
MENU

REC
HD 4K
CRASH
OH, WOW. OH, WOW.
WE...WE ALMOST *DIED!* WE GOTTA GO. WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
NO, IT'S OKAY. LOOK.
HE SAVED US!
ULTRAMAN'S GOING TO STOP THAT BEAST BEFORE IT CAN HIT US AGAIN. WATCH.
KKKKKKRRKK-
KOOM
NONONONO!
AHHHHHHH!
NO! NO!
MENU

REC
HD 4K
IS THIS-- OH NO, AM I... DEAD?
MENU
REC
H-HELLO, MR. ULTRAMAN. SIR.
HD 4K
MENU
REC
GROUND FLOOR, EVERYBODY OUT. HEH.
SHUT UP.
HD 4K
MENU
REC
HD 4K
MENU

REC
HD 4K
IT'S BURROWED UNDERGROUND! THAT COUNTS AS A WIN FOR ULTRAMAN... RIGHT?
MENU
YOU GOT ALL OF THAT, RIGHT? TELL ME YOU GOT IT!
Kaiju attack in Italy!
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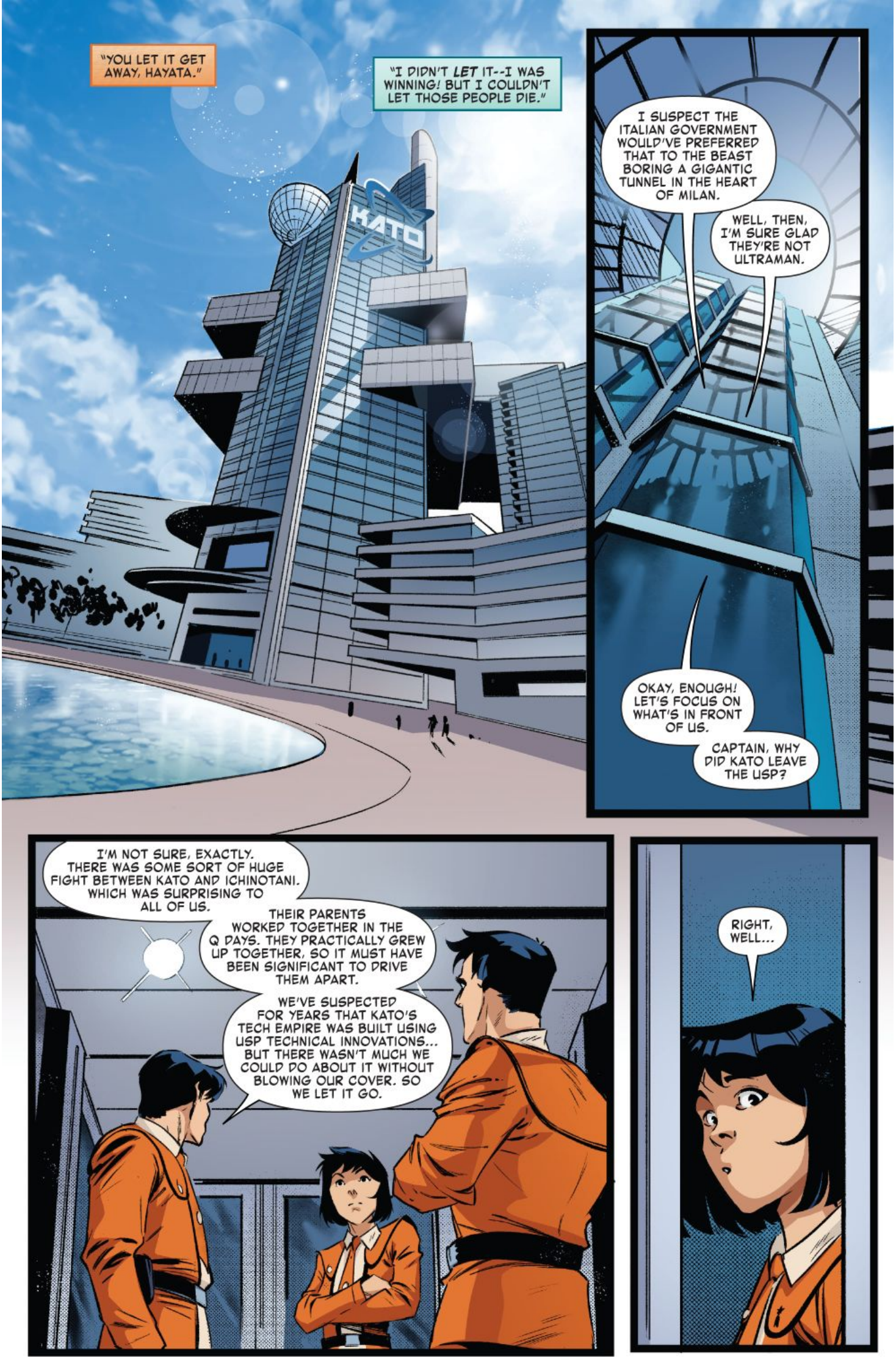
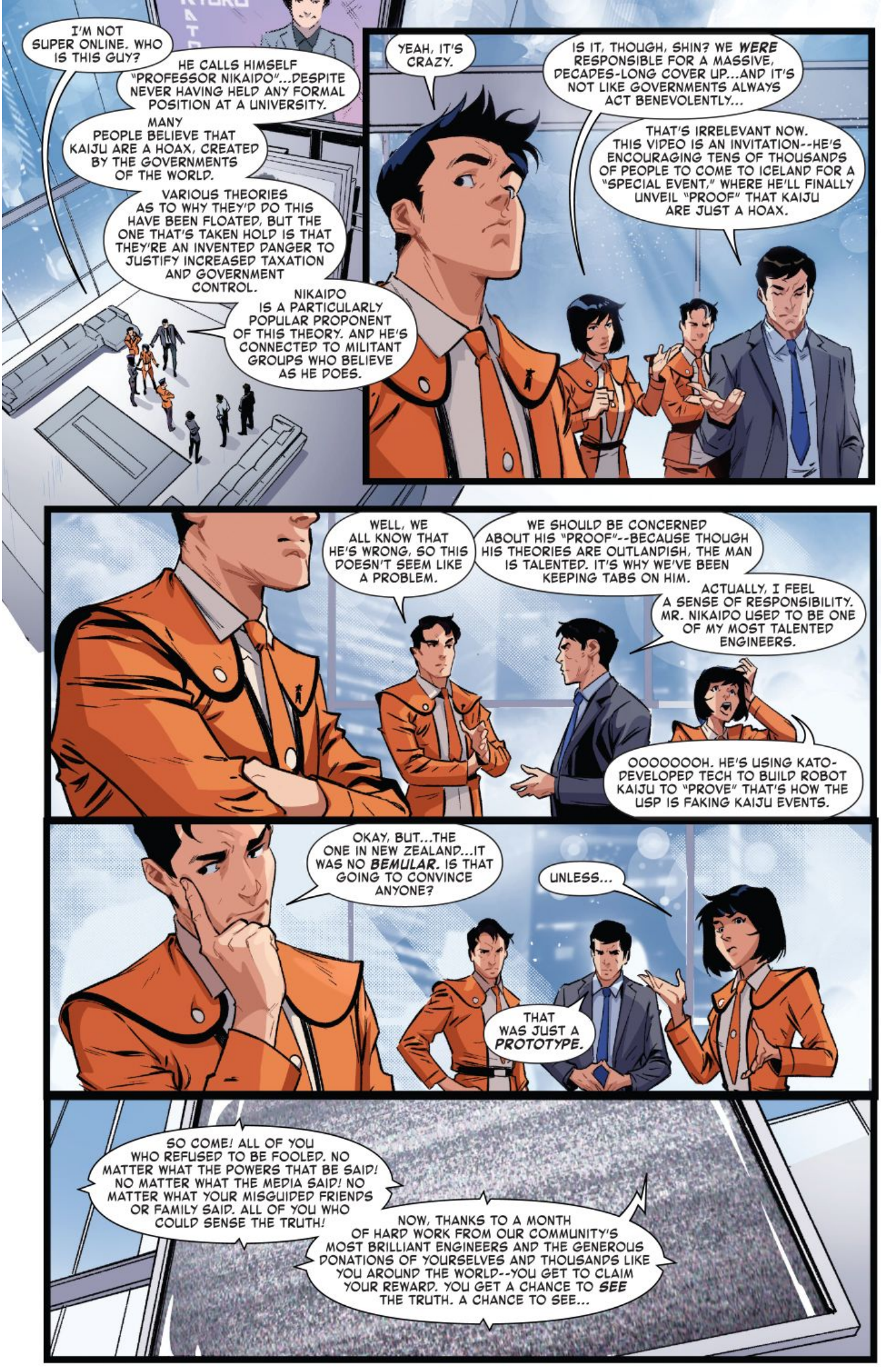
Once you're in your
WHOOOO
...THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR, SON.


"YOU LET IT GET AWAY, HAYATA."
"I DIDN'T *LET* IT--I WAS WINNING! BUT I COULDN'T LET THOSE PEOPLE DIE."
KATO
I SUSPECT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD'VE PREFERRED THAT TO THE BEAST BORING A GIGANTIC TUNNEL IN THE HEART OF MILAN.
WELL, THEN, I'M SURE GLAD THEY'RE NOT ULTRAMAN.
OKAY, ENOUGH! LET'S FOCUS ON WHAT'S IN FRONT OF US.
CAPTAIN, WHY DID KATO LEAVE THE USP?
I'M NOT SURE, EXACTLY. THERE WAS SOME SORT OF HUGE FIGHT BETWEEN KATO AND ICHINOTANI. WHICH WAS SURPRISING TO ALL OF US.
THEIR PARENTS WORKED TOGETHER IN THE Q DAYS. THEY PRACTICALLY GREW UP TOGETHER, SO IT MUST HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT TO DRIVE THEM APART.
WE'VE SUSPECTED FOR YEARS THAT KATO'S TECH EMPIRE WAS BUILT USING USP TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS... BUT THERE WASN'T MUCH WE COULD DO ABOUT IT WITHOUT BLOWING OUR COVER. SO WE LET IT GO.
RIGHT, WELL...

KATO
...IT CERTAINLY PAID OFF...
KATO.
MURAMATSU. IT'S BEEN QUITE A LONG TIME. YOU'RE NOT QUITE THE EAGER, FRESH-FACED CADET I REMEMBER.
THESE ARE THE CADETS NOW--HAYATA AND FUJI. YOU CAN REFER TO ME AS CAPTAIN.
OH, I REALLY CAN'T. BUT SINCE WE'RE PLAYING AT FORMALITIES, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY ADOPTED CHILDREN...
TAKESHI.
FUMIO.
IPPEI.
AND YURIKO.
HEY THERE.
KATO
OH, WE KNOW-- FROM READING LIKE ANY MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN THE PAST DECADE.
INDEED.
WE HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU ABOUT--

ROBOTS POSING AS KAIJU?
I-- WELL, YES. HOW DID YOU KNOW?
FATHER, DON'T! WE CAN'T TRUST THESE PEOPLE.
YOU KNOW, I'VE KIND OF HAD IT TODAY WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER MET ME JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS. WE'RE NOT THE USP OF THE PAST--WE'RE NOT ABOUT SECRETS...
THEN, MIGHT I ASK--WHAT, OR WHO, IS ULTRAMAN?
I... =SIGH= I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.
SEE? CAN'T BE TRUSTED.
WELL, AT LEAST IT'S NOT A LIE. THAT'S AN IMPROVEMENT.
ENOUGH. ALL OF YOU. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TRUST THE USP, BUT THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
ABOUT WHAT?
IPPEI. SHOW THEM.
KYOKO KATO
HEY. I KNOW THAT GUY. FROM YOUTUBE. I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN THIS VIDEO YET, THOUGH.
THAT'S BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN UPLOADED YET. WE'VE BEEN, UH...KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM.
THAT'S ILLEGAL!
OH, LIKE YOU GUYS ARE HUGE FANS OF CIVIL LIBERTIES...


I'M NOT SUPER ONLINE. WHO IS THIS GUY?
HE CALLS HIMSELF "PROFESSOR NIKAIDO"...DESPITE NEVER HAVING HELD ANY FORMAL POSITION AT A UNIVERSITY.
MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT KAIJU ARE A HOAX, CREATED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD.
VARIOUS THEORIES AS TO WHY THEY'D DO THIS HAVE BEEN FLOATED, BUT THE ONE THAT'S TAKEN HOLD IS THAT THEY'RE AN INVENTED DANGER TO JUSTIFY INCREASED TAXATION AND GOVERNMENT CONTROL.
NIKAIDO IS A PARTICULARLY POPULAR PROPONENT OF THIS THEORY. AND HE'S CONNECTED TO MILITANT GROUPS WHO BELIEVE AS HE DOES.
YEAH, IT'S CRAZY.
IS IT, THOUGH, SHIN? WE *WERE* RESPONSIBLE FOR A MASSIVE, DECADES-LONG COVER UP...AND IT'S NOT LIKE GOVERNMENTS ALWAYS ACT BENEVOLENTLY...
THAT'S IRRELEVANT NOW. THIS VIDEO IS AN INVITATION--HE'S ENCOURAGING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO COME TO ICELAND FOR A "SPECIAL EVENT," WHERE HE'LL FINALLY UNVEIL "PROOF" THAT KAIJU ARE JUST A HOAX.
WELL, WE ALL KNOW THAT HE'S WRONG, SO THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A PROBLEM.
WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS "PROOF"--BECAUSE THOUGH HIS THEORIES ARE OUTLANDISH, THE MAN IS TALENTED. IT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN KEEPING TABS ON HIM.
ACTUALLY, I FEEL A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. MR. NIKAIDO USED TO BE ONE OF MY MOST TALENTED ENGINEERS.
OOOOOOOH. HE'S USING KATO-DEVELOPED TECH TO BUILD ROBOT KAIJU TO "PROVE" THAT'S HOW THE USP IS FAKING KAIJU EVENTS.
OKAY, BUT...THE ONE IN NEW ZEALAND...IT WAS NO *BEMULAR.* IS THAT GOING TO CONVINCE ANYONE?
UNLESS...
THAT WAS JUST A *PROTOTYPE.*
SO COME! ALL OF YOU WHO REFUSED TO BE FOOLED. NO MATTER WHAT THE POWERS THAT BE SAID! NO MATTER WHAT THE MEDIA SAID! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR MISGUIDED FRIENDS OR FAMILY SAID. ALL OF YOU WHO COULD SENSE THE TRUTH!
NOW, THANKS TO A MONTH OF HARD WORK FROM OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST BRILLIANT ENGINEERS AND THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF YOURSELVES AND THOUSANDS LIKE YOU AROUND THE WORLD--YOU GET TO CLAIM YOUR REWARD. YOU GET A CHANCE TO *SEE* THE TRUTH. A CHANCE TO SEE...

SKREEEOAA
...BEHIND THE CURTAIN!
TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT

In Iceland, the critics of the USP are uniting–and they finally have what they need to win the rest of the world over! But what are the dark consequences of their actions. . . and will Ultraman choose to save them from those consequences? Or perhaps a better question to ask is--with opposition mounting, alliances fraying and trust disintegrating,

can he?

ZONE